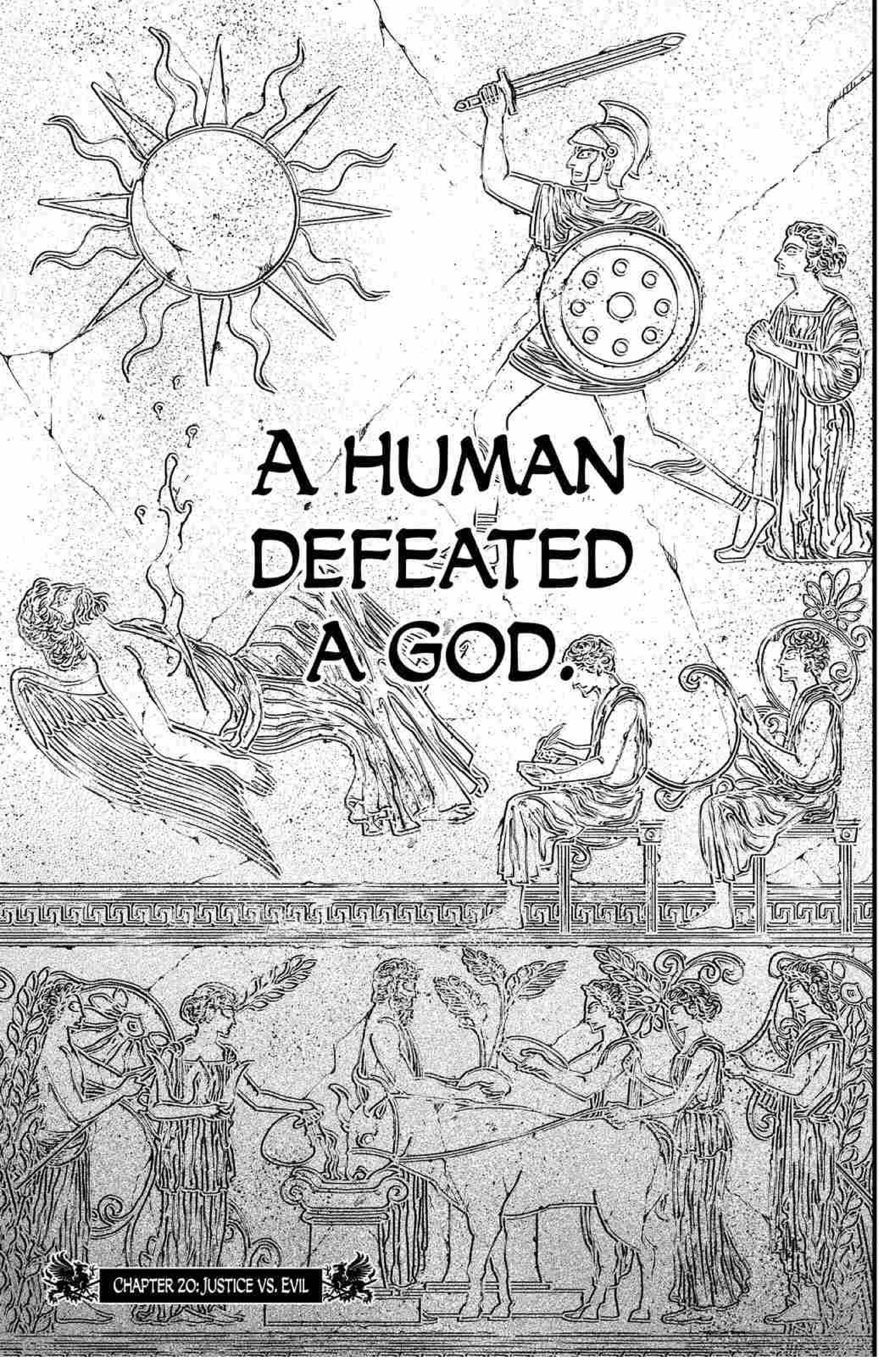

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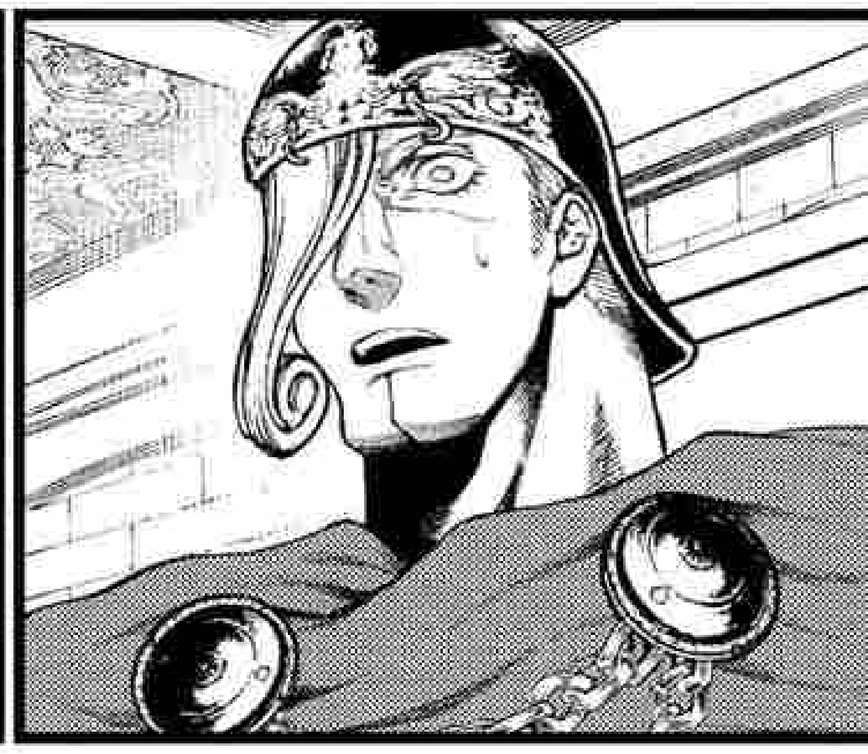
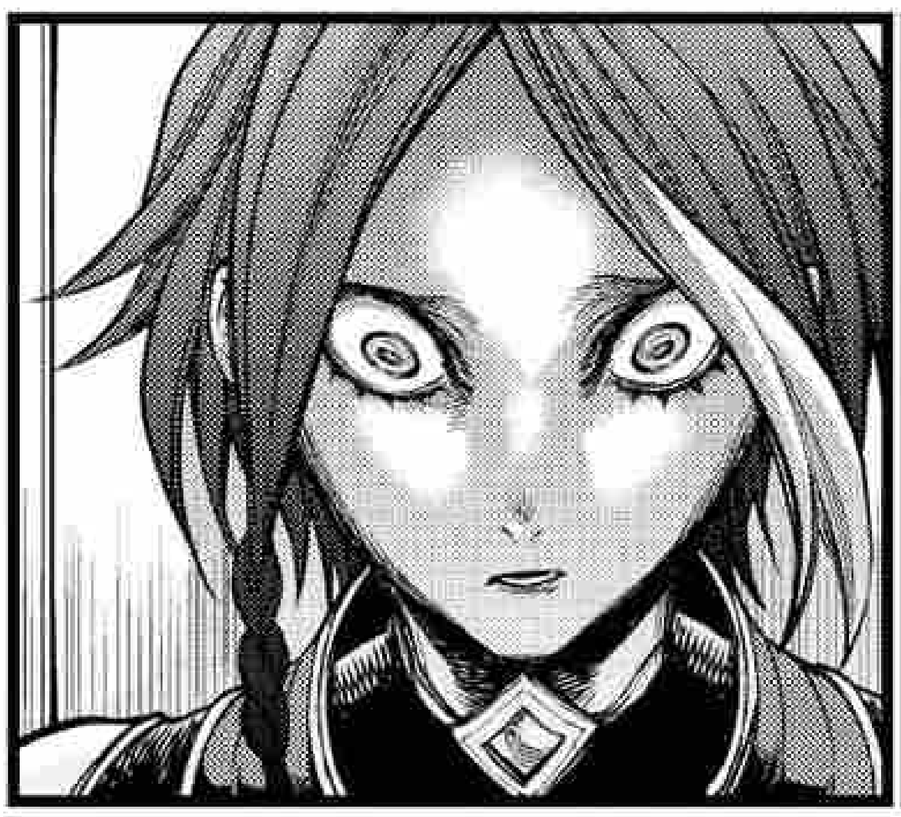
FACED WITH SUCH AN INCONCEIVABLE FACT...



...THE GODS COULD ONLY...



KRIK

KRAK

KRIK

...LOOK ON IN SILENCE.

KRSHH

HSSHH

FINAL-LY...

WH-WHO COULD'VE GUESSED SUCH AN OUT-COME?

...IN THE THIRD ROUND...

HUMANITY HAS SNATCHED A VICTORY FROM THE GODS!

RAAAAA

Y...

YES...!

TH-THIS CAN'T BE HAPPEN-ING...

THE LORD POSEIDON ...?

NO FRIKKIN' WAY!

WE DID IT!!

HR HR A-A-H

CAN YOU GUYS KEEP IT DOWN...?

HUH...?

KOJIRO!

KOJIRO!

IT'S MY FIRST VICTORY...

LET ME SOAK IN THE GLORY FOR A BIT.

NOW, YOU GODS...

OPEN YOUR EYES!

...

KOJIRO!!

KOJIRO!!

KOJIRO!!

...IS THE GREAT POTENTIAL OF HUMANITY!

THIS...

TDA AA

KRU

!!

YKES SH

NO WAY A GOD CAN LOSE TO A HUMAN!

NO WAY ...!

KNK KNK KRNK

SERI-OUSLY ...?!

SHF SHF SHF

...

...AIN'T FUNNY ANYMORE!

THIS...

KRUNK

FWP

...I'M EX-HAUSTED!

FWSH

I GOTTA SAY...

FWP

WOBBL

GUESS IT'S BETTER THAN HAVING TO ROW HOME.

I GOTTA WALK OUTTA HERE...?

AAH!

WH

MP

KOJIRO...!

HANG IN THERE!

HRIST!

YEAH...

I OWE IT ALL TO YOU, YOUNG LADY.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

EEP!

CAN YOU STOP BLATHERING FOR ONCE?!

GRIKK

HEH

... THAT I'D MAKE THEM PAY?

DIDN'T I TELL YOU, GEIR...

I'M SO GLAD SHE'S ALL RIGHT!

GOOD! SHE'S STILL THE HRIST I KNOW!

YOU SURE DID!

WE STILL NEED...

...SIX MORE!

HUMANITY FINALLY HAS THEIR FIRST VICTORY! ISN'T IT GREAT?

NO!

...REALLY IS TRYING TO DEFEAT THE GODS.

HILDE...

...?!

TNK

THE GODS' VILLA

ZEUS'S CHAMBER

HERMES
GREEK PANTHEON

PHEW...

ARES
GREEK PANTHEON

WHAT BRINGS YOU ALL HERE?

ZEUS
GREEK PANTHEON

SO...

...OLD MAN!

DON'T PLAY DUMB...

SHIVA
HINDU PANTHEON

WHOA!

SLAM

THAT HUMAN WAS STRONGER THAN POSEIDON.

HMM...?

SSSP

...FOR SOMEONE WHO JUST LOST HIS OLDER BROTHER.

LOKI
NORSE PANTHEON

YOU SEEM AWFULLY CALM...

...AS SIMPLE AS THAT.

KTNK

IT'S...

...REALLY MEANS.

IF YOU'D BEEN PAYING ATTENTION, YOU'D ALL KNOW...

...WHAT THIS BATTLE...

YWW

AND...

HMPH!

FIRST, LET ME SAY THAT...

...

...

...

...HUMAN-ITY...

...IS STRONG!

AND SO...

...WE MUST FIGHT ACCORDINGLY!

GLARE

THAT VALKYRIE IS SERIOUS ABOUT DEFEATING US.

I WON'T LET THEM HAVE THEIR WAY ANYMORE!

PU

MP

I'M GOIN' NEXT!

SWF

WELL, IN THAT CASE...

ABOUT THAT...

SKRITCH

UHH...

SPUT

SPUT

I'M SORRY TO...

...TROUBLE YOU AGAIN, BUT...

SPURT

SPURT

POIK

WHAT THE HELL IS IT THIS TIME?!

HWOOO OO

WOULD YOU MIND IF...

...WE OLYMPIANS SETTLED GREECE'S DEBT?

SPURT

SPURT

RRRM

YOU GREEKS!

FINE.

ALL RIGHT.

HEH...

HMM...

ARENA CORRIDOR

TMP TMP TMP

THE GODS WILL BE TOO PROUD...

...TO LOSE TWO IN A ROW.

TMP

TMP

WHO WOULD THAT BE?

THEY'LL SEND OUT ONE OF THEIR BEST.

THE NEXT ROUND IS A MUST-WIN FOR THEM.

ME!

ZWEEE

DMM
DMM
DMM
DMM
DMM
DMM
DMM
DMM
GRIP
GUP
PASH...
!
OH!

CASHANK!!

HA HA!

YOU'VE GOTTEN SO BIG, GEIR!

BROTHER HERACLES!

...BROTHER HERACLES.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...

SHF

FW

AH

SEEMS YOU'RE STILL UP TO YOUR OLD TRICKS.

IT HAS INDEED, HILDE.

HERACLES
GREEK PANTHEON

BY THE WAY...

WHEN YOU SAID "ME," DID YOU MEAN...?

HEH...

YOU'RE MORE STRONG-WILLED THAN EVER.

I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE DOING WELL, TOO.

I'M UP NEXT!

I SURE DID!

I KNOW IT MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO SAY THIS, BUT...

SHFF

...

YEAH... YOU GUYS TOO.

...GOOD FORTUNE IN BATTLE.

I WISH YOU...

OOOH ...

WHSH

ZWRRL

I SAW THAT!

YOU'RE AWFULLY CHUMMY WITH THOSE VALKYRIES AREN'T YOU, HERACLES?

GLEE

...

...YOU'RE ALL...

...DEMI-GODS. ♪

YOU GUYS MAY BE FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES, BUT...

FWF

OH, RIGHT.

GRIN

YOU SURE YOU'RE UP FOR THIS?

SHUP

ALL I CAN HOPE TO DO IS NOT EMBARRASS MYSELF AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GODS. AS A WARRIOR.

THEY'RE WORTHY OPPONENTS.

LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING.

LOKI...

SWF

OKAY.

HMM...

HOH

...AGAINST THE ENDING OF HUMANITY.

I AM...

TMP

NOW THAT RAGNAROK HAS BEGUN, I *CAN'T* LOSE!

HOW-EVER...

CLENCH

THAT SAID...

AS A CHAM-PION OF THE GODS...

...I WILL UTTERLY DESTROY THEM!

HEH.

...I WILL ASK FOR THEIR SALVATION.

WHEN I DO...

...WHICH SIDE YOU'RE ON.

I CAN NEVER TELL...

I AM ALWAYS ...

ZCH

...ON THE SIDE OF THE RIGHTEOUS!

...AL-WAYS...

THE RIGHTEOUS, EH?

...

WOMMM

AKASHIC RECORDS ROOM

IT'S HARD TO KNOW...

...WHICH SIDE TO CHEER FOR.

SO... IT'S HERACLES IN ROUND FOUR.

MM

YES...

IT IS.

SWP

GP

...I'VE KNOWN FROM THE START WHO I'D PUT UP AGAINST HERACLES.

ACTU-ALLY...

FIRST OF ALL, WHO CAN STAND UP TO HERACLES?

HUH?!

HUH...?

TMP

...OF HUMANITY.

SWF

SWF

...IN ALL...

...WHO I DESPISE MOST...

SWP

SWP

SWP

THE PERSON...

...PIECE OF SHIT!

HE'S A REAL...

...

SLAM

CHZZT

WHAT ...?

ZZT

VWOM

VALHALLA ARENA

...ROUND FOUR.

VNN NN

RAGNA-ROK...

...AND HUMANITY HAS ONE.

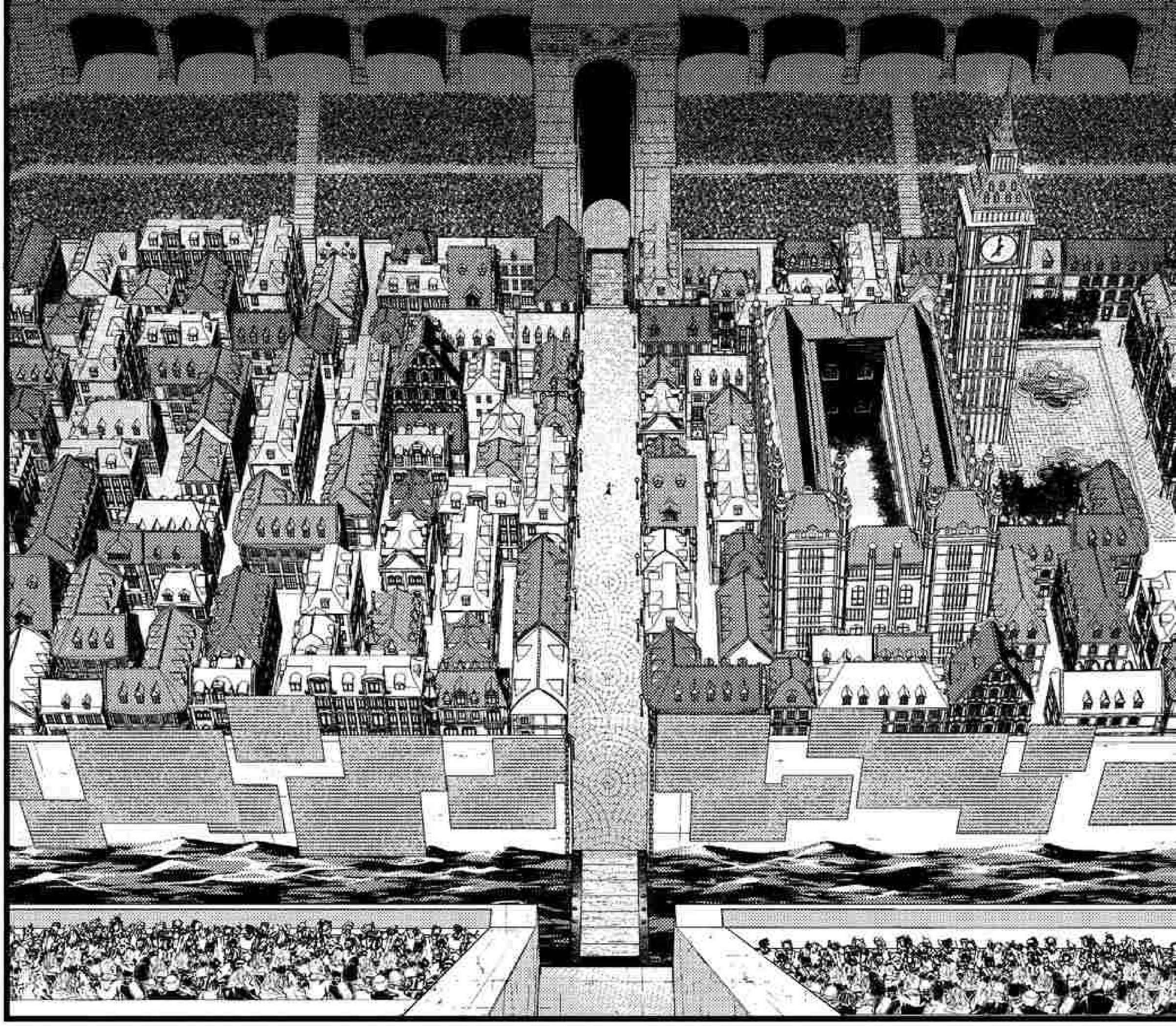
WNN NN

THE GODS HAVE TWO WINS ...

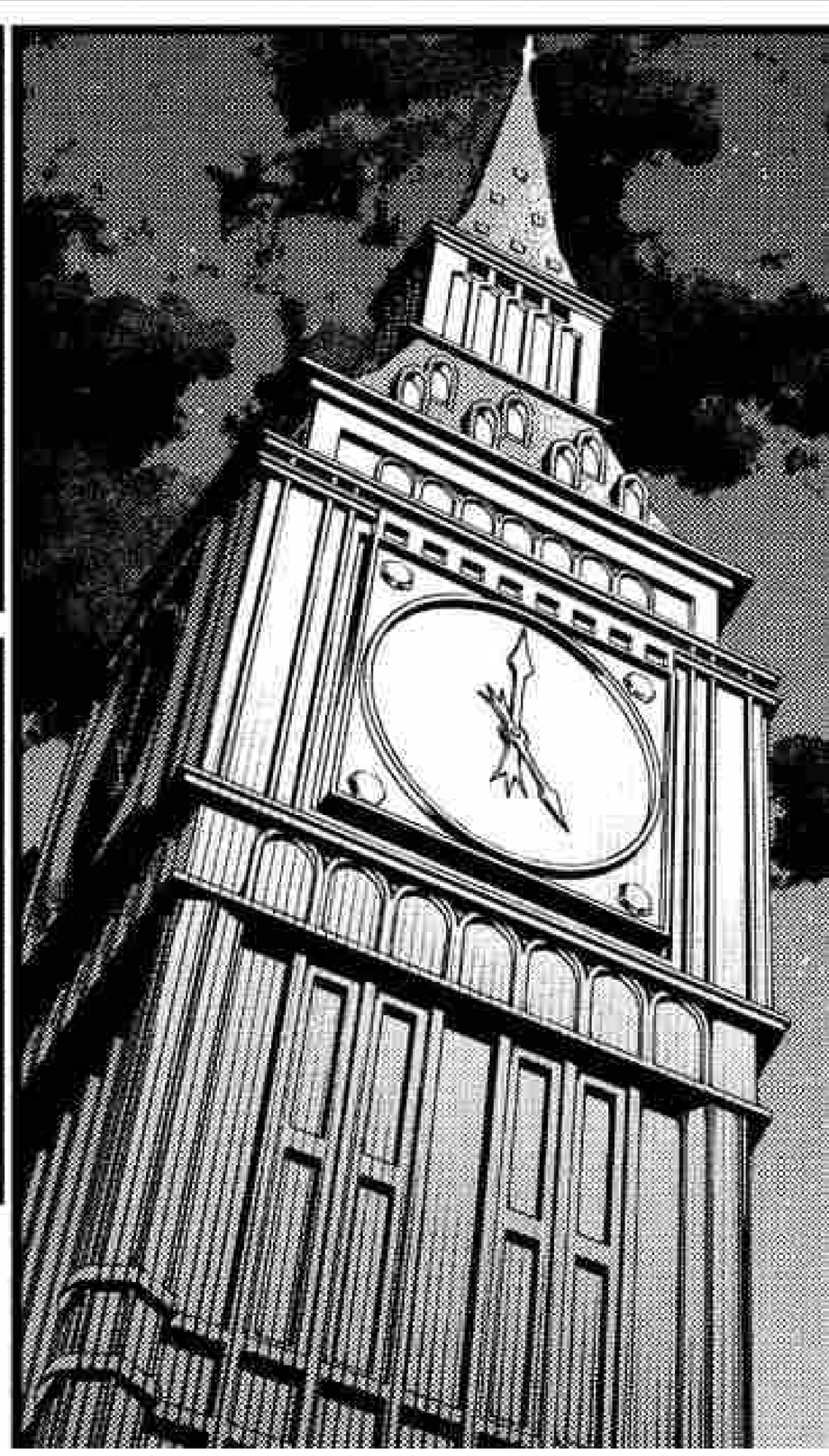
OOOOOOH

...A TURNING POINT IN THE OPENING ROUNDS!

AND NOW WE'VE REACHED ...



Old Times
CAFE



WOW! IT'S HUGE!

IT'S THE BIGGEST STAGE SO FAR.

HOW ARE THEY GONNA FIGHT IN THERE?

THERE'S AN ENTIRE CITY INSIDE THE ARENA!

THIS ROUND'S BEING SHOWN ON MONITORS ...?

HUMANITY'S CHAMPION REQUESTED THIS SETTING...

FLAP

FLAP

WHAT YOU SEE IS A RECREATION OF 19TH-CENTURY LONDON!

OOOOH

...HAS AGREED TO IT!!

...AND THE GOD'S CHAMPION, IN HIS BENEVO-LENCE...

...WE'LL HAVE A STREET FIGHT BETWEEN A GOD AND A HUMAN!!

SO FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER...

BOOM

FEH

GIVE HIM ALL THE ADVANTAGES HE WANTS!

GRAAH

SCREW IT!

WHY?

MUTTR

SO, THE CHAMPION OF THE GODS AGREED TO GIVE HUMANITY A HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE...?

...WOULD ACQUI-ESCE.

GRIN

I KNEW MY KIND BROTHER...

IT'S ONE THING FOR THE GUY TO MAKE THIS REQUEST, BUT WHY WOULD HERACLES AGREE TO IT?

FWOO

WHOOSH

...WHAT KIND OF FIGHT HUMANITY'S CHAMPION WILL PUT UP.

FOG ...?

NOW THAT HE HAS THE SETTING HE WANTS, LET'S SEE...

BWFF

TMP

HERE HE IS...

BWF

FWF BWF

FWF

BWF

FWF

TMP

...A MONSTER APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE...

HWOOO

ON AUGUST 31, 1888...

...IN A THICK FOG...

BONNG BONNG

THE LIVES OF FIVE PROSTI-TUTES?

FWUP

WHAT WAS HE TRYING TO REND WITH HIS SHARP FANGS?

SOCIETY ITSELF?

NO!

NO!

FWUP

...BY THIS MOST EVIL OF EVILS.

TMP

IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, A CITY OF THREE MILLION WAS PLUNGED INTO TERROR...

TMP

FLASH

...HE IS...

HARBORING THE DEEPEST DARKNESS IN HIS SOUL...

...MUR-DERER!

...MOST INFAMOUS ...

...HUMAN-ITY'S...

KCHH

KCHH

JACK...

...THE...

JACK THE RI

...RIPPER!

JACK THE RIPPER
ENGLAND

CHATTER

THE GREATEST MYSTERY IN THE HISTORY OF CRIME— OUT IN THE OPEN!

ACTU-ALLY...

NO WAY! IS THAT ACTUALLY HIM?!

YAAH!

CHATTER

WHAT ?!

JACK THE RIPPER ?!

WHOA

...REPRE-SENTING HUMANITY?!

HUH?

WHY IS A BRUTAL MURDER-ER...

KSH

THAT'S HOW THEY WANNA PLAY IT, EH?

I SEE!

HMM...

NOM

NOM

SMIRK

AS ALWAYS...

...

...YOU'RE A SLY GIRL, BRUNHILDE.

AND NOW...

KLOP KLOP

KRNKNKNK

...BY PROVIDING AN OVER-WHELMING VICTORY...

...OF REDEEMING THE GODS' HUMILIATING LOSS TO HUMANITY...

KLOP KLOP

...TAKING ON THE DIFFICULT TASK...

KLOP

...IS NONE OTHER THAN...

KRNKNKNKNK

KRADOOM

...WITH JUST HIS BARE HANDS!

...THE MAN WHO DEFEATED THE NEMEAN LION AND CERBERUS, WATCHDOG OF THE UNDER-WORLD...

...TO ASCEND TO DEMIGOD-HOOD!

THE MAN WHO OVERCAME THE 12 LABORS...

...TO BOTH THE EARTH AND THE HEAVENS!

THE MESSENGER OF JUSTICE... BRINGER OF ALL-REVEALING LIGHT...

THADUM

YO

NK

...

TH

MP

FWAAAAA

FOOM

A MAN OF...

...UNPAR-ALLELED BRAVERY!

WH

SH

WHOMP

HERACLES!

HERACLES
GREEK PANTHEON

RAAAAH

HE'S SOOO COOL!

LORD HERA-CLES!

WE'RE ROOTING FOR YOU!

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE OUR HERO!

YAAAH

DON'T LOSE TO THAT MURDER-ER!

LORD HERA-CLES!

KADOOM

KNK KNK KNK

13 PM

EVIL VS. JUSTICE!

JUSTICE VS. EVIL!

...CLEAR-CUT MATCHUP ?!

HAS THERE EVER BEEN A MORE...

FIGHT!!

RAGNAROK, ROUND FOUR...

SWF

...BEGINS!

CHAPTER 20 ~ END

*GODS AT WORK

KONG

KONG

MOMENTS BEFORE ROUND FOUR

HEY, YOU! CAREFUL WITH THAT!

WE GOTTA FINISH BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND!

HURRY UP!

YO! YOU GUYS HAVE YOUR HANDS FULL!

LEMME HELP!

SAFETY☆FIRST

SAFETY☆FIRST

GOD OF DESTRUCTION AND CREATION SHIVA

SAFETY☆FIRST

YOU'LL JUST SLOW US DOWN.

I SAID I'LL HEEEELP!

...WANNA HELP!

HEY!

I JUST...

JOB DONE

RECORD OF
RAGNAROK